

Welcome to Genie's latest 'Village Matters' newsletter

Please forward this email to anyone you feel may also like to receive these newsletters. Thank you.

Submission date for articles for the next issue is 26 June

In this issue: Big Green Day tomorrow; Streatley Garden open; Food & Drink Festival; Streatley Gasworks latest; Crime figures; Catalytic converter theft; Work on Little Meadow; Big Race through the Gap – and our latest update of new planning applications.

This popular annual environmental event is happening again TOMORROW in Goring's Rectory Garden – Saturday 17 June, 11am-3pm

Come along and you will find fun things to interest you and all sorts to do and see. We hope you will discover new and creative ways to help reduce climate change and increase biodiversity. Over 20 stalls will be there, all with the same purpose – to help save our Planet.

- Owls will be on display from the British Owl Project
- Children can join a group to dissect their pellets to discover what they have eaten!
- Make your own Swift nest box and help increase the number of these rare birds
- Meet the volunteers from RSPB, BBOWT, GGO, GSSG and other groups
- Find out how to 'Garden for Wildlife'
- If your bike needs repairing, Goring's Repair Café fixers will do it for free
- There's a second-hand bike stall – any in your shed to pass on to someone else?
- Bring preloved clothing to pass on or exchange
- A baking competition – be as green as you can and bring your entry by 11.30am
- Read school children's *Letters from the Future*
- Local produce – please do bring anything you may have to sell or share
- Wallingford Bookshop's pop-up book stall will be there
- Enjoy great live music from our local trio Baum, Maggs & Taylor
- Refreshments too in the village hall – lunchtime snacks and delicious cakes.

Let's all join together in caring for our planet and make our own small, but still significant contribution – every little helps! We look forward to seeing you there!

All donations will be divided between the Goring School Garden, BBOWT and WaterAid.



Reminder – Open Garden tomorrow

The garden at Chaddlesworth, Streatley RG8 9PR will be open tomorrow, 17 June, 11am to 4pm

Teas with home-made cakes, hand stalls selling woodwork gifts, local honey, hand-painted cards with a nature theme, hand-made children's gifts, garden tools and a small selection of plants. Adults £5, children free. Payable by card or cash.

This is open under the National Open Gardens scheme and a link can be found [HERE](#). The Open Gardens Scheme not only allows you to view beautiful private gardens, but also makes a significant contribution to charity. In 2022, £3.11 million was donated to charities, including some of UK's best-loved nursing and health as well as gardening charities. [See this link](#)

Thames Valley Food & Drink Festival this weekend

Food and Wine Extravaganza returns for a third year at Brightwell Vineyard – 17-18 June

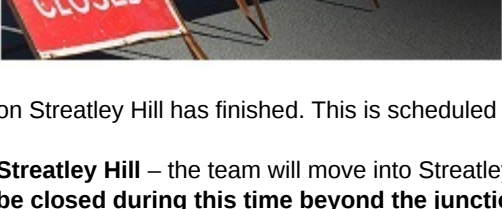
The line-up includes over 30 independent food and drink producers drawn from the Thames Valley region with negligible food miles.

The festival takes place in the grounds of Brightwell Vineyard who will be showcasing their award-winning wines, including Bacchus, Pinot Noir, Sparkling Chardonnay and its prestigious English Brandy. You can also sample English wines from six leading local vineyards including Brightwell. Artisan-made spirits will also be available, plus South Oxfordshire Brewery will be serving pints brewed only five miles away.

A huge selection of food and drink will be on offer, plus tableware by Blue and White Company, and beeswax candles from Henley. The Horsebox Coffee will offer a range of hot drinks including freshly ground coffees.

Doors are open from 11 to 5pm on both Saturday and Sunday, with ample free parking on site for visitors.

Prices: Tickets purchased in advance for one Day entry cost £9 per person, with children under 10 free. Purchase a full ticket for £14 which includes festival entry, six tasting vouchers, a tasting glass and glass holder. Tickets purchased at the gate at the weekend will be £10 and £15 respectively. Cash and cards welcome. Full details can be seen [HERE](#) and for tickets and further information see www.thamesvalleyfestival.co.uk.



Gas Pipe Replacement, Streatley

Phase Two – Streatley Hill – Work Starting on 24 July

Wantage Road – because the work on the A329 finished earlier than expected the team has moved into the A417 Wantage Road. **This will not be closed but is being restricted to single file traffic**, controlled by lights. The work is due to finish by 21 July but if it has not been completed, the final part will be undertaken after the work

on Streatley Hill has finished. This is scheduled for early September.

Streatley Hill – the team will move into Streatley Hill from 24 July for approximately three weeks. **The road will be closed during this time beyond the junction with The Coombe.** Access to The Coombe, Lewendon Hill, Bull Meadow and Hill Gardens, will be signposted as works progress.

The Coombe – Temporary traffic lights will be in place in The Coombe from 24 July for approximately seven weeks.

Please contact customer@sgn.co.uk if you have any queries.

Local Crime Report

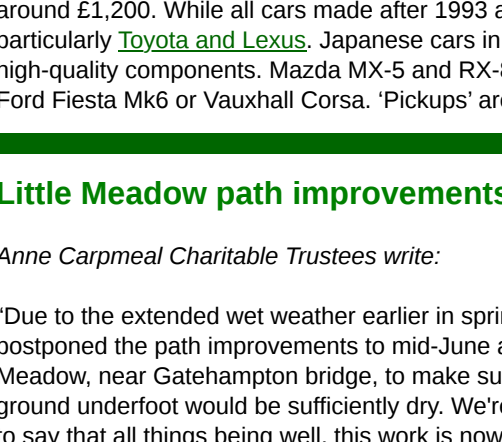
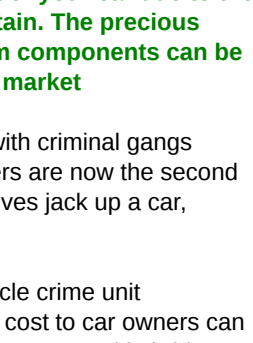
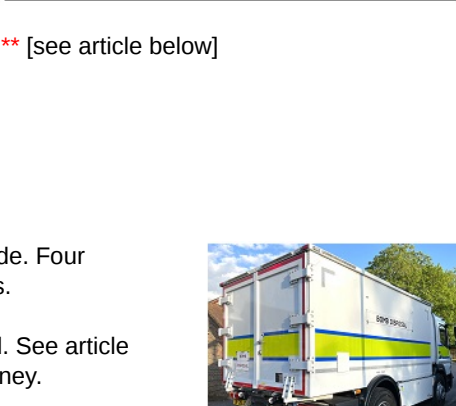
Below are the recent incidents in Goring and the locality

These have been reported to Genie by the Thames Valley Police

15 May	Suspicious item – Metal object found, The Birches * [see photo below]
16 May	Graffiti – Goring public WC, Wheel Orchard car park
18 May	Theft of catalytic converter from vehicle, Milldown Road ** [see article below]
27 May	Suspicious person – Not found
1 June	Car v Cyclist incident – No injury
4 June	Criminal damage – Broken window
9 June	Attempt theft from vehicle – nothing taken
10 June	Theft from doorstep – Clothing Down

* Photo (right) of Bomb Disposal Unit taken at the scene off Glebe Ride. Four bomb disposal officers were deployed supported by police in two cars.

** Another catalytic converter was stolen a week later in Cleeve Road. See article below about how and why the thieves are making quick and easy money.



Police warn about thefts of catalytic converters

It only takes 30 seconds and thieves target these components, hidden away under your car due to the valuable rare metals they contain. The precious platinum, palladium & rhodium components can be worth up to £600 on the black market

Catalytic converter theft is rife, with criminal gangs targeting cars left in car parks, in your drive and on residential streets. Catalytic converters are now the second most common car parts to be stolen, after number plates. See a [Police video](#) of how thieves jack up a car, remove the part and are away from the scene in just 30 seconds.

Up to 40,000 catalytic converters are stolen a year. The Metropolitan Police's motor vehicle crime unit investigated more than 15,000 catalytic converter thefts in London in 2021. The average cost to car owners can around £1,200. While all cars made after 1993 are at risk, the UK's most-targeted models are petrol hybrid cars, particularly **Toyota and Lexus**. Japanese cars in general have expensive replacement catalytic converters and high-quality components. Mazda MX-5 and RX-8s are frequently targeted, plus popular small cars such as the Ford Fiesta Mk6 or Vauxhall Corsa. 'Pickups' are at risk due to the high ground clearance.

Little Meadow path improvements

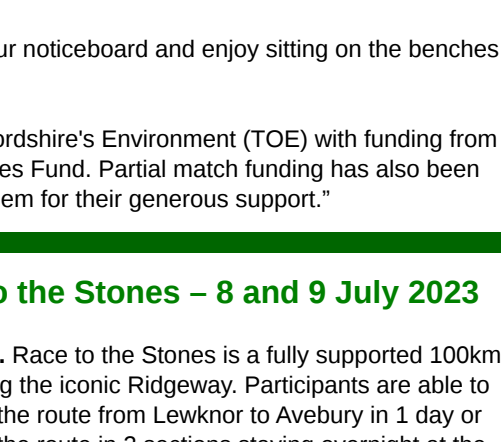
Anne Carpmear Charitable Trustees write:

"Due to the extended wet weather earlier in spring, we postponed the path improvements to mid-June at Little Meadow, near Gatehampton bridge, to make sure the ground underfoot would be sufficiently dry. We're happy to say that all things being well, this work is now likely to take place in July. Local contractors will re-engineer the path to provide a hard wearing surface so you can run and walk more safely in future years. It will also be restored to its original route closer to the river. Work will take approximately three weeks.

"For pedestrian safety, the work area will be fenced off and a temporary path created through the meadow. We advise keeping dogs on leads. Thank you in advance for your patience and respect for the measures and signage in place to manage the work safely, particularly when heavy plant machinery is being moved or is in use.

"We also look forward to visitors once again being able to read our noticeboard and enjoy sitting on the benches at either end of the meadow!

"The work is funded by a substantial grant from the Trust for Oxfordshire's Environment (TOE) with funding from Grundon Waste Management Ltd through the Landfill Communities Fund. Partial match funding has also been provided by the Thames Path National Trail. We'd like to thank them for their generous support."



Race to the Stones – 8 and 9 July 2023

Overview. Race to the Stones is a fully supported 100km route along the iconic Ridgeway. Participants are able to complete the route from Lewknor to Avebury in 1 day or complete the route in 2 sections staying overnight at the basecamp location at Lattin Down Kiln.

Start: Saturday 8 July, 07:00 at Lewknor
Finish: Sunday 9 July, 20:00 at Avebury

The event is a public participation ultra-marathon for approximately 2,500 people, many of whom are raising money for a collection of charities. The event website with

further key information and details can be found [HERE](#).

The route: Runners will come along the Ridgeway through North Stoke and South Stoke, into Goring and along Thames Road, turning right into the High Street. They will cross the Thames and continue up Streatley High Street, turning right at the Bull and left up Rectory Road to continue along the Ridgeway towards Aldworth.

The participants:

- Non-stop: Majority of entrants do the route non-stop running or walking – taking between 7 and 36 hours to complete
- Two days: do the route in two days, stay overnight at Lattin Down Kiln, Oxfordshire

Small groups: all participants will be passing along the route in small groups so should not cause any inconvenience – however, please be aware that during this weekend there will be an increase in foot traffic on the trail.

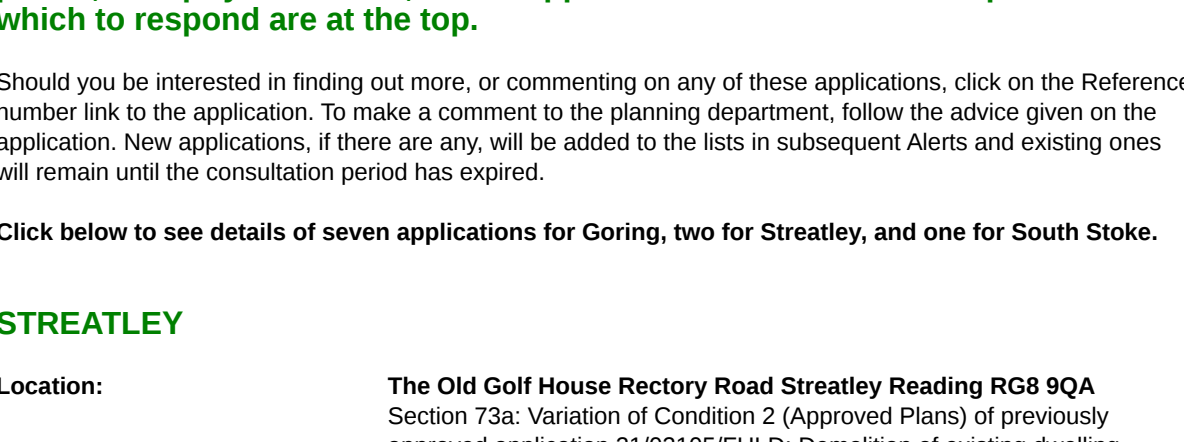
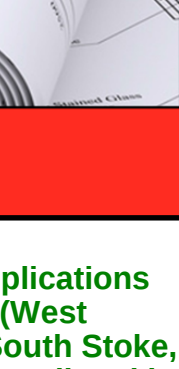
Local Parish Councils

Click on the link below for your parish council's website for up-to-date details of planning and other meetings, agendas, minutes and further useful general information.

[Goring-on-Thames PC;](#)

[Streatley PC;](#)

[South Stoke PC](#)



This twice monthly 'Planning Alert' lists all the current planning applications submitted to SODC (South Oxfordshire District Council) and WBC (West Berkshire Council) relating to properties in Goring, Streatley and South Stoke, and occasionally other applications that are locally relevant. They are listed by parish, in expiry date order, so the applications with the shortest periods in which to respond are at the top.

Should you be interested in finding out more, or commenting on any of these applications, click on the Reference number link to the application. To make a comment to the planning department, follow the advice given on the application. New applications, if there are any, will be added to the lists in subsequent Alerts and existing ones will remain until the consultation period has expired.

Click below to see details of seven applications for Goring, two for Streatley, and one for South Stoke.

STREATLEY

Location: The Old Golf House Rectory Road Streatley Reading RG8 9QA

Proposal: Section 73a: Variation of Condition 2 (Approved Plans) of previously approved application 21/02105/FUL: Demolition of existing dwelling and construction of replacement dwelling, ancillary garage outbuilding and associated landscaping works.

Reference Number: [23/00917/FUL](#)

Determination Deadline: **20 June 2023**

Location: Mount Pleasant Wantage Road Streatley Reading RG8 9LD

Proposal: Proposed detached garden building

Reference Number: [23/01038/HOUSE](#)

Consultation Deadline: **21 June 2023**

Location: South Stoke Community Shop Cross Keys Road South Stoke RG8 0JT

Proposal: Removal / demolition of existing community shop. Erection of a community building to provide a new shop, cafe and hub for the community. Alterations to existing car park and provision of overflow parking area.

Reference Number: [23/S1364/FUL](#)

Consultation Deadline: **20 June 2023**

Location: Cleeve Reach Goring Reading RG8 0JY

Proposal: Erection of amenity room & new fencing to existing tennis court (Resubmission of 23/S0519/HH)

Reference Number: [P23/S1757/HH](#)

Consultation Deadline: **17 June 2023**

Location: 12 Heron Shaw Goring on Thames RG8 0AU

Proposal: Conversion of existing garage

Reference Number: [P23/S1521/LDP](#)

Consultation Deadline: **Target decision date 23 June 2023**

Location: 23 Milldown Avenue Goring RG8 0AS

Proposal: Proposed ground and first floor front and side extension. Proposed ground floor rear extension. Proposed new roof over existing garage.

Reference Number: [P23/S1825/HH](#)

Consultation Deadline: **26 June 2023**

Location: Land to the east of Manor Road to the south of Little Croft Goring RG4 9EJ

Proposal: Discharge of condition 3 (materials) on P22/S0003/RM - erection of 20 dwellings. Not subject to public consultation.

Reference Number: [P23/S1758/DIS](#)

Consultation Deadline: **Target decision date 3 July 2023**

Location: 34 Elvendon Goring on Thames RG8 0DU

Proposal: Proposed ground floor side and rear extension, front porch and outbuilding.

Reference Number: [P23/S1955/HH](#)

Consultation Deadline: **3 July 2023**

Location: Bridge House Thames Goring RG8 9AH

Proposal: Installation of a 12 panel solar PV system to the south facing roof pitch.

Reference Number: [P23/S1898/HH](#)

Consultation Deadline: **5 July 2023**

Location: 2 Heron Shaw Goring RG8 0AU

Proposal: Discharge of conditions 4 (Trees & Hedges) on application ref. P23/S1018/HH (Conversion and extension of existing detached garage into habitable space for ancillary use).

Reference Number: [P23/S1843/DIS](#)

Consultation Deadline: **12 July 2023**

Location: 23 Milldown Avenue Goring RG8 0AS

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